

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am alarmed by Sinclair Broadcasting's partisan actions in the past year to violate the "public interest" provisions contained in their broadcast license. When the time comes to renew their public broadcast license, I urge you to reject their application to confirm that the FCC's "public interest" provisions are truly being honored.

On at least two occasions, Sinclair has compromised the public interest in its choice of news broadcasts. First, it refused to broadcast ABC's "Nightline" telecast where the names of soldiers killed in Iraq were read aloud, claiming it did not serve a news function. If this is Sinclair's own apparent standard, how can they then justify the showing of "Stolen Honor" as an acceptable form of news? Their subsequent attempts at providing balanced journalism are lip-service, at best, and the timing of the broadcast speaks to the partisan interests of Sinclair's leadership, not to the informational needs of the areas they serve.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my letter. If Sinclair is free to measure news by such a

blatently partisan
yardstick, they
should at least not
be allowed to do so
on the public dime.

Sincerely,

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